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3 December 1956

Mr. E. T. Sooyan  
Acting Director  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sooyan:

Upon receipt of your letter of November 19 to Mr. Dallas, we contacted representatives of your agency in order to take the action necessary to avoid any delay in consummating contracts required in the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Based upon these discussions, action was initiated to transfer an additional \$1,335,360 on 23 November 1956. We have been informed that this transfer was accomplished in the Treasury Department on 26 November 1956.

A request for the apportionment of funds is in the Bureau of the Budget and, in accordance with discussions with your representatives, provides \$5,870,830 for allocation to your service during the current fiscal year. It is expected that this apportionment request will be approved shortly. It is proposed that transfers be made on a quarterly basis to meet your requirements within, of course, the amounts approved by the Bureau. This matter has been discussed with Mr. Baillies, who has stated that this arrangement would meet your requirements. In this connection, arrangements have been made for the submission to us of a revised schedule of proposed construction on the parkway. This schedule will be of considerable value to us in subsequent consideration of questions which may develop concerning the construction of the parkway and the headquarters building.

Mr. Dallas has recently determined that the requirements laid down in the conference report on the appropriation of funds for the building have been met. This removed the last obstacle to proceed with construction and was the basis on which the recent transfer of funds was made. I trust that these arrangements will be satisfactory and that the construction may proceed as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

/s/

L. K. White  
Deputy Director

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